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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear ~~Chairman~~ Powell:

I would like ~~to~~ convey my support for the EchoStar and Hughes Electronics merger proposal ~~that the Federal Communications Commission is considering.~~

As a REALTOR® in Iowa, I have seen many changes take place in the real estate profession over the years. ~~One~~ of those changes is ~~the~~ need for better and ~~faster~~ technology regardless of where you live. Currently, our ~~rural areas~~ are suffering because they ~~do not have the tools available to advance with~~ technology.

I ~~am~~ writing ~~to ask for your support of this merger so we can give the smaller communities the opportunity to thrive in a global marketplace. This merger will allow consumers who currently have no choices in high-speed Internet, or even local Internet dial-ups to be provided with options for the technology that most urban areas already have.~~

I believe if the FCC approves ~~this~~ merger, it will provide ~~an~~ important tool for rural Iowans and the businesses that ~~serve~~ them.

Sincerely,

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